

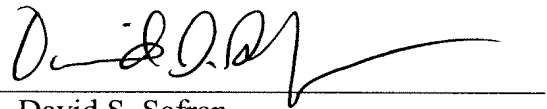
REMARKS

In view of the Examiner's allowance of claims 3-5 and indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claim 9, claim 9 has been placed in allowable independent form containing all of the limitations of base claim 10, so that a formal indication of allowance of this claim is requested. Furthermore, with the cancellation of claims 6-8 and 10, above, only allowable subject matter remains so that entry of this Amendment is appropriate in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.116 and is requested along with approval of this application for issuance as a patent.

While this application should now be in condition for allowance, in the event that any issues should remain after consideration of this response which could be addressed through discussions with the undersigned, then the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone for that purpose.

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